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FUSION PROTEINS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING HIRUDIN FUSION

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German Patent Application No. 100 33 195 corresponds to US Patent Application Publication No. US2002/173620 A1, which the Applicants have attached to this paper.

As to German Patent Application No. 34 30 556, the Applicants provide the following translation of its abstract:

The invention relates to a process for purifying dimethyl terephthalate (DMT). A DMT-containing mixture is used whose DMT content is above the DMT content of the eutectic composition. The DMT-containing mixture is melted and the DMT is allowed to crystallise out by cooling, but without the DMT content in the impurities reaching the eutectic composition.

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